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Annotations

1. Election of officers

Rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council stipulates that, at the commencement of the first meeting of a regular session, the Commission shall elect from among the representatives of its

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members a Chairman, one or more Vice-Chairmen and such other officers as may be required. Following the established practice, the Commission shall elect a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur or Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur.

In accordance with the Economic and Social Council decision 2002/210, the Commission, immediately following the closure of a regular session, holds the first meeting of its subsequent regular session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chairman and other members of the Bureau. Accordingly, the Commission held the first meeting of its forty-second session on 21 February 2003, immediately following the closure of its forty-first session, and elected by acclamation Jean-Jacques Elmiger (Switzerland) as Chairman of the Commission and Ivana Grollová (Czech Republic) and Darmansjah Djumala (Indonesia) as Vice-Chairmen. Mwelwa Musambachine (Zambia) was later nominated by the African Group of States as Vice-Chairman-elect of the forty-second session.

At the opening meeting of its forty-second session, on 4 February 2004, the Commission will elect the remaining officers on its Bureau.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 7 of the rules of procedure requires that, after the election of its officers at the beginning of each session, the Commission shall adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda.

In paragraph 46 of its resolution 57/270 B, the General Assembly requested each functional commission to examine its methods of work in order to better pursue the implementation of the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, and to report to the Economic and Social Council no later than 2005 on the outcome of that examination. Accordingly, the Commission will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on its methods of work.

Documentation

Provisional annotated agenda (E/CN.5/2004/1)

Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the work of the session (E/CN.5/2004/L.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on the methods of work of the Commission (E/CN.5/2004/__)

3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

In accordance with the General Assembly resolution 55/46 on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world", the Commission will undertake regular assessment of the implementation of the outcome of the Summit and special session.

(a) Priority theme: "Improving public-sector effectiveness"

The Commission will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the priority theme.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.5/2004/__)

(b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups

The Commission will consider issues pertaining to the situation of social groups. It will have before it the reports of the Secretary-General on the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family and the equalization of opportunities for persons with disabilities, and a note by the Secretariat on the modalities for review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family (E/CN.5/2004/__)

Report of the Secretary-General on the equalization of opportunities for persons with disabilities (E/CN.5/2004/__)

Note by the Secretariat on the modalities for the review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (E/CN.5/2004/__)

(c) Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting social development issues

In its resolution 1996/7, the Economic and Social Council adopted the structure of the agenda and work programme of the Commission. As stated in paragraph 14 of the above resolution, the substantive item of the agenda includes a sub-item (c), entitled "Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting social development". The Bureau of the Commission proposes to make use of this sub-item during the forty-second session of the Commission for Social Development and recommends the theme "International migration and migrants from a social perspective" for discussion. Should the Commission adopt this proposal, a non-paper on the theme prepared by the Secretariat would be distributed to facilitate the discussion.

4. Programme questions

The attention of the Commission is drawn to General Assembly resolution 58/269, in which the Secretary-General was requested to prepare, for submission to the Assembly at its fifty-ninth session, a strategic framework for the biennium 2006-2007 to replace the current medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005. The strategic framework would comprise part one (plan outline) and part two (biennial programme plan). For its consideration of this request, the Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the preparation of the strategic framework for the period 2006-2007.

The Commission is invited to review the proposed biennial programme plan for social development and provide its comments to the Secretary-General. The proposed biennial programme plan, modified as appropriate, will be submitted to the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-fourth session, and the recommendations of the Committee thereon will be transmitted to the General

Assembly at its fifty-ninth session, when the Assembly will consider the Secretary-General's proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2006-2007.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the preparation of the strategic framework for the period 2006-2007 (E/CN.5/2004/CRP.__)

5. Provisional agenda for the forty-third session of the Commission

In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure, the Commission will have before it the draft provisional agenda for its forty-third session, together with an indication of the documents to be submitted for its consideration.

Documentation

Draft provisional agenda for the forty-third session of the Commission (E/CN.5/2004/L.__)

6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-second session

In accordance with rule 37 of the rules of procedure, the Commission reports to the Economic and Social Council on the work of each session.